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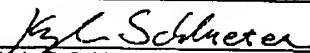
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**AMENDMENT and REPLY**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 22 August 2005 ("the Office Action"), and in follow-up to the personal interview conducted on 14 September 2005, Applicants request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered.

**Introductory Comments****Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.